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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hiroshi YAMANE et al.

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GROUP 1725

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
CONTINUOUS CASTING OF METALS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Responsive to the Official Action of November 28, 2001,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Add the following new claim:

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--19. (new) The method according to claim 1, wherein
said non-moving, vibrating magnetic field is produced by
arranging electromagnets, each comprising an iron core and a coil
wound over said core, in a facing relation on opposite sides of
said mold along a transverse width thereof to lie side by side
along a longitudinal width of said mold; and

said single-phase AC current has a frequency of 0.10 to
60 Hz and is applied to each said coil.--

REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for restriction,
applicants elect Group I, claims 1-6 and 13-18, with traverse.